

Docket No.: VAS-5639



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Mark Dehdashtian

) Group Art Unit: 3732

Application No.: 10/055,787

) Examiner: Cary E. O'Connor

Filed: November 7, 2001

For: AORTO UNI-ILIAC GRAFT

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 24, 2003, please note the following remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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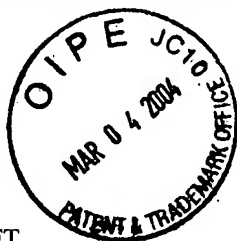
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

(X) Transmitted herewith is an Amendment to the Office Action dated September 24, 2003, in the above-identified application.

(X) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), an extension of time of three (3) month is hereby requested to respond to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2003. (One Month--\$110.00; Two Months--\$410.00; Three Months--\$930.00)

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	(Col. 1) Claims Remaining After Amendment	Minus	(Col. 2) Highest Prev. Paid For	(Col. 3) Present Extra	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY Rate	Fee
Total Claims	29	- 20	20	9 x	18	\$ 162.00
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Extension of Time (Three months)						\$ 930.00
TOTAL DUE						\$ 1,092.00

(X) Enclosed is a certified copy of the Australian Patent Application No. PQ 3029.

(X) Enclosed is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

(X) Please charge the fee calculated above and any additional fees or credit any over-payment to Deposit Account No. 501225 (Docket No. VAS-5639). A copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

Dated: March 2, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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